



IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A base station supporting multicast communication, the base station comprising:

a response signal relay configured to transfer response signals transmitted from a plurality of mobile stations to a radio network controller, the response signals responding to a control signal for a multicast group; and wherein

the response signal relay transfers only a predetermined number of response signals to the radio network controller, and any following response signal is retained.

Claim 2 (Original): The base station according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined number is one.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Original): A radio network controller supporting multicast communication, wherein

the radio network controller performs a predetermined processing on a predetermined number of response signals, the predetermined number of response signals being transmitted from at least one first mobile station and responding to a control signal for a multicast group; and

the radio network controller performs processing on only the predetermined number of response signals, and any following response signal is unprocessed by the radio network controller, the following response signals being transmitted from at least one second mobile station.

Claim 5 (Original): The radio network controller according to claim 4, wherein the predetermined number is one.